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My darling little Toots:-

To-day was my "red letter" day, as I received your 3 letters dated 9th, 10th & 11th. Believe me, sweetheart, your letters were a tonic to my feelings. Had I been one that gives vent to emotion by tears, I am sure I would cry my eyes out for the lonesomeness, but when I read your letters my mind cleared and felt like a new man. Keep it darling, write to me every day as that really is more welcome than anything I can get.

I showed your picture to my uncle and all my friends. I would tell you what they said, only I'm keeping it for a "wrap."

I didn't think my picture would come out so well, it sure does look good. Mr. Solomon is going to show it to the morning newspaper, and in about 2 or 3 weeks, I'll probably send you a newspaper clipping containing my photo.

Well Toots, Taylor told me to-day that I will have to wait until Wednesday the 15th before I can find out anything about the proposition. I am

town & he pays the bill. Just last night he said I should have brought you with me. I told him before you come you will want to get clothes. He said, so far as clothes is concerned, you needn't worry as he will make your clothes. I'm telling you, Toots, he is so different, I can hardly believe it. My room is nice and clean, clean sheets & everything fixed up so nicely that I feel real at home. I am doing my trunk as the wardrobe. Nothing was broken. The bureaus came in good condition, the glass intact. To-morrow I am going to bring my suits down & my uncle will have them pressed so that will save me a few cents. I am taking good care of myself, keeping nice & clean. I sure do wish you could see me now.

I certainly was glad to read what Holly said. I sure do hope he means it. If he will only stick, I am sure everything will come out O.K.

I will write to your father to-day as I really sorry not to be able to bid

going to wait for an week before I go out for myself as I was told I'll ~~prob~~ probably get in with some lawyer.

I went up to see the Dean of the Law School and you ought to see his face. Surprised! Lord, I never thought he thought so much of me. He offered me the use of his office until I get settled down. I accepted it and will use it when the occasion arises.

To-day I made $3.00, drawing up a bill of sale for a man Dr. Lazan recommended me to. He certainly is trying his best to put business my way. If I only was settled, I would be in fine shape. The dean told me that the law profession while I was away was dead but now it is picking up and he wants me to be ready when the business comes in a rush.

I will attend to my insurance in a few days, probably about the 15th.

It all right, Tootsie, I'd enough money. I'm living my uncle, and saving rent money. At dinner, we eat in

him good-by before I left.

Sunday I am going to have dinner with Mr. & Mrs. Lazaar at their home. Then I will call upon Mr & Mrs. Gadd. I didn't care to go visiting until I had my clothes pressed up. I sure do wish you were here to go along with me

Now, Toots, as to yourself. See that you can get all that is coming to you at the dispensary. Don't let them fool around too much. Assert yourself, that's the only way. I am trying my best to make a home for you here, and believe me, I'll try and have you here in a few months.

How are you feeling? How's your foot? Please take care of yourself, eh, Toots?

And how's mondean feeling? Is she taking care of herself. Go and see her as often as you can.

Well Roy I will write to her when I get settled down a bit. Remember me to her and Wendel and my dear little niece & nephew.

With all the love I possess to my sweet little wife,

Lovingly
Joe